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Eugene S. SMOTKIN

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FUEL CELLS (AS AMENDED)

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 18 July 2006, time for response to which was set to expire 18 October 2006. A Petition for an extension of time of one month until 18 November 2006 is enclosed, along with the required fee. Claims 75-82 and 84-91 were considered and rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection in the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.